(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is receiving attention.

Computer Training Centres

4523 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the mushrooming of computer teaching shops in the country charging high fees in imparting computer training with poor infrastructural facilities and ill trained personnel; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken towards standardising computer training and issue guidelines about the uniformly in regard to fees, courses of reading etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The majority of institutions which provide computer training are in the private sector and they charge fees according to their own norms.

(b) The Government of India, Department of Electronics vide Resolution, dated 16th August. 1990, have announced a scheme under which private sector computer training institutes meeting the defined quality and service standards are given accreditation for conducting certain specified courses viz. O (Foundation), A (Advance Diploma). B(Graduate) and C(Post Graduate) levels computer courses.

Funds for Afforestation in Himachal Pradesh.

4524. PROF PREM DHUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lot of funds which are meant for desert development are lying unutilised;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to divert the fund and allocates for afforestation schemes to other States including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The question does not arise.

Off Loading of Public Sector Equity on Mutual Funds

4525. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to off load public sector equity on the mutual funds and financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount that has been decided to be off loaded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The proposal to off load public sector equity on the mutual funds and financial institutions is under finalisation.

[*Translation*]

Villages Selected Under I.T.D.P. in U.P.

4525-A. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages selected under Integrated Tribal Development Project in Uttar Pradesh district-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of ration supplied under this scheme last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) 41 villages in two Block I.E. Pilaya and Nighasan in Lakhimpur District of Uttar Pradesh have been covered under I.T.D.P.

(b) The details of villages are as under: